Summer 2012
Town Tours and Village Walks

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Join Us for Chester County Village Walks and Lectures

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The Chester County Historical Society (CCHS) is pleased to announce the 2012 Chester County Village Walks! These self-guided walking tours will be led by local residents as they explore the history and culture of Chester County's villages and towns. Each walk will feature a topic related to local history, art, culture, or natural resources. These tours are free and open to the public. To learn more about the 2012 Chester County Village Walks, visit www.chco.org/villagewalks or call 610-279-5970.

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JUNE 14 ①
WEST CHESTER KICK-OFF AND TOUR
SPONSORS: WEST CHESTER HARB & CHESTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Tour Reservations and Information: 1-877-442-2476 - #101
Join us for the annual Town Tours & Village Walks kick-off celebration at the Chester County Historical Society for guided tours of several locations through the town, and the County. You will join your tour guide to explore the Southeast quadrant of West Chester Borough. This sector of the Borough includes an impressive part of the downtown, distinctive churches and other historic buildings, and handsome residential streets. Each individual group tour is specially designed and written towards your interests and itinerary. Registration and information for the tours and entertainment by the Lunch Box begins at 5:30 PM.

JUNE 21②
BAIRD PARK AND UWCHLAN TOWNSHIP CAMPUS
SPONSOR: UWCHLAN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Tour Reservations and Information: 1-877-442-2476 - #102
Uwchlan Township is celebrating its Tricentennial in 2012. Come celebrate as you visit Baird Park and the historic buildings that comprise the Uwchlan Township Campus. The Administration Building showcases the Park Family Home, once home to the Park family that dates to the early 1760s. During the 18th century, the 21st century, a bake oven was found and restored. Formerly owned and operated as a private Winery, the current owners have retooled the winery to focus on local wines that are made and aged in the winery. There will be a "Victor’s Kitchen" presentation available for those who may not be able to walk the entire tour route.

JUNE 28③
CHICKLESTER VILLAGE
SPONSOR: WARWICK TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Tour Reservations and Information: 1-877-442-2476 - #103
The Falls of creek is nestled in northern Chester County. Sitting beside this scenic spot is a lovely Victorian village known as Chicklester. The village is home to the National Historical Register. Known for its mining of iron ore and quarrying of black granite, it became a popular summer resort when rail service arrived in the late 1800s. The village was later incorporated into the town of Warwick. Today, the village is a popular destination for visitors to the area.

JULY 12④
SCANDALS, SCOUNDRELS & SPIRITS IN KENNETT BOROUGH
SPONSOR: KENNETT SQUARE BOROUGH HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Tour Reservations and Information: 1-877-442-2476 - #104
Most current residents of Kennett Square are unaware of the many scandals, scoundrels, and spirits in the area that shook the small village of yesterday. Costumed characters will give first-hand accounts of events from the past on a guided tour through the historic neighborhoods. Each storyteller is in character to the news events that we witness today and are not meant to tarnish reputations. Enjoy music with your refreshments at the end of the tour.

JULY 19⑤
VILLAGE OF MARSHALLTON
SPONSORS: WEST BRADFORD HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Tour Reservations and Information: 1-877-442-2476 - #105
Join our tour of this newly untouched village, named for brothers Richard and William Marshfield (1751–1789). Manchester Village was an important stop on the Strasburg Road, a freight route from Lancaster to Philadelphia. Being 8 1/2 miles, it was the halfway point between Lancaster and Philadelphia. There were two hotels in the village and one outside dating to 1765. Among the outstanding features of the village is the Baptist Meeting House. In 1732, present building is 1760, a cleftway factory, which made grist and sawn timbers. A blacksmith built the blacksmith's shop, stone clothing, batery and 1829 Methodist Church. Enjoy our new experience!

JULY 26⑥
THE MILL AT ANSELMA
SPONSORS: THE MILL AT ANSELMA
Tour Reservations and Information: 1-877-442-2476 - #106
Nestled along the Pecking Creek in Chester Springs, The Mill at Anselma is a hidden treasure. The 17th-century grist mill, an extraordinary find of 250 years of our nation's industrial and agricultural history. Constructed in 1717 by Samuel Lightfoot, The Mill retains its wooden gears, grain elevators, boiler and boiler or shifter. The Mill and the Village of Anselma demonstrate how the industrial Revolution was adapted to serve the prosperity of the Industrial Revolution and the challenges of the Great Depression. Today, the Mill at Anselma connects visitors with our past through tours, four milling demonstrations, and our stone ground flour and commeal. A milling demonstration will be offered in the afternoon of the tour.

AUGUST 2 ⑦
THE COUNTRY SCHOOL AT CHESTER SPRINGS (1916-1952) & ART EXHIBIT
SPONSORS: HISTORIC YELLOW SPRINGS, INC.
Tour Reservations and Information: 1-877-442-2476 - #107
The effect of the French Impressionist movement influenced the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts to establish its Country School in Chester and Spring, 1915. Here, in the village of Yellow Springs, artists were afforded "fine-art instruction in the open air, with all the beautiful surroundings of nature herself." Learn about the arts' life in the village. Discover this art colony right in Chester County where art instruction and appreciation continue today. View an exhibition by Country School artists.

AUGUST 9 ⑧
THE CONTINENTAL POWDER MILL ON FRENCH CREEK
SPONSORS: PIKELAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY/EA* PIKELAND HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Tour Reservations and Information: 1-877-442-2476 - #108
On February 19, 1793, the Pennsylvania Committee of Safety resolved to build a state-owned and operated gunpowder mill for the benefit of the Continental Army, which would become known as the Continental Powder Mill in French Creek. The perceived need for gunpowder was so great that by the end of 1776, a large manufacturing complex had been erected with numerous buildings in place. The mill has since become a symbol of power being produced. Walk the grounds of this important contributor to American independence, enjoy Nappy Dam covered bridge, mill and dam sites, and, as we present the latest archaeological findings.

AUGUST 23 ⑨
OXFORD HISTORIC DISTRICT STROLL
SPONSOR: OXFORD MAINSTREET, INC. IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE OXFORD AREA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
Tour Reservations and Information: 1-877-442-2476 - #109
By the early 1700's, the Scotch-Irish had a large display as woolen produce's driving tour of the Longbridge area in West Nottingham County. Oxford Furnace and several of the buildings related to this industry as well as the magnificent Langhorne mansion, constructed at the turn of the 1800's, are homes to this tour. The route follows the dry stonewalls built by lumbermen workers of that time. Participants will meet at West Nottingham Township Park where they will be oriented for the tour.

SEPTEMBER 6 ⑩
THE VILLAGE OF UNIONVILLE
SPONSOR: UNIONVILLE HARB
Tour Reservations and Information: 1-877-442-2476 - #110
In the gently rolling Southeastern corner of Chester County lies the small village of Unionville, a community that dates back to the middle of the 18th century. Though locally manufactured brick is the predominant mode of construction, fine examples of stone and frame buildings also exist. Unionville Village has long played a vital role providing goods and services to area residents; it is still the case today. We welcome you to learn about our lovely village. Several of the businesses will open for great waters. As you stroll you will learn about the underground railway, our historic houses and perhaps a ghost or two.

REFRESHMENTS ARE SERVED ALL DAYS!

A new addition to the summer program is the Talks & Walks lecture series which combines a 45 minute lecture by one of Chester County’s historians on a topic of interest with a tour of a site the historian has previously been invited to. Registration for each program, at $4.00/person is requested. kmarchall@chesco.org or 610-344-6923. Day of registration accepted on site unless otherwise noted.

A. Saturday, April 26 ⑪ 1 p.m.
The Weirs & Whys of Black Rock Black Rock Rd. 953 Black Rock Rd. Phoenixville Presenter: Chuck Teune, Schuykill River Watershed Specialist As part of Phoenixville’s 2nd Annual Shad Festival, explore one of the site known but little visited sites on Black Rock Sanctuary into the Schuylkill River. Join the tour leader and learn about the 1840’s Schuylkill River flood which was one of the first environmental clean-ups in this nation’s history. Wear warm clothing and walking shoes. This is a moderate hike of about 1.5 miles round trip over uneven ground. $4.00/person, children under 12 free.

B. Saturday, May 19 ⑫ 2 p.m.
The Parker Kidnapping & Rescue Talk: Union United Methodist Church 321 Fremont Rd., Nottingham Walk: Nottingham County Park Presenter: David and Elizabeth Parker Kidneay Research Team In December 1851, Rachel and Elizabeth Parker were kidnapped from Nottingham. The two free black women were accused of being slaves and were taken to Baltimore where they were expected to be “condemned” to slavery. The two attempted to flee and were captured in Maryland by the court who sentenced them to be sold to a plantation. The two were refused parole and were returned to the Parker’s family. The trial and the Parker’s family’s experience to secure their release is the focus of this talk and tour. $4.00/person, children under 12 free.

C. Sundays, May 27 – September 2 ⑬ 1-4 p.m.
Hibernia Mansion Tours Talk & Walk: Hibernia County Park Park Rd. Coatesville Presenter: Trained Tour Guides This fully furnished 18th century Iron Master's residence was redesigned in the early 20th century to emulate an English Country Life with elements of interior design by Charles Brooks and "Colonel" Franklin Shwabe and the evolution of the 19th century iron plantation are explored during 45 minute guided tours of the mansion. $5.00/person, children under 12 free.

D. Sunday, June 3 ⑭ 3 p.m.
Abraham Lincoln & Coventryville Talk: Coventryville United Methodist Church 152 Rittenhouse Rd., Phoenixville Walk: Coventry Forge Trail Warwick County Park Presenter: Tom Walsh, Historian In 1776 Samuel Pettit and Baptist established the second forge in Pennsylvania, Coventry Forge. In 1772 they sold a partnership share to one Mr. Olden, the latter of whom he was from and where he did go there? Where is the marker erected by the Chester County Historical Society in your neighborhood to commemorate the visitation of Abraham Lincoln that commemorates the visitation of our President in the area on a local newspaper. Explore parts of this site that still exist at Spring Manor Farm. Walking in some ways may be difficult. Gather at the Shaker Park (Opens at 5:00 pm), ages 12 & older. Pre-registration required, limit 15 participants.

E. Sunday, June 10 ⑮ 10 a.m.
Miracle of Innovation at Springer Manor Talk & Walk: Springer Manor Farm 860 Springer Rd., Glennmore Presenter: John Miller, Fiber Technicians and Historian In 1824, Congressman Abraham Robinson Metcalf built a hydraulic ram system on Springer Manor to supply water to the Mill. In 1772 they sold a partnership share to one Mr. Olden, the latter of whom he was from and where he did go there? Where is the marker erected by the Chester County Historical Society in your neighborhood to commemorate the visitation of Abraham Lincoln that commemorates the visitation of our President in the area on a local newspaper. Explore parts of this site that still exist at Spring Manor Farm. Walking in some ways may be difficult. Gather at the Shaker Park (Opens at 5:00 pm), ages 12 & older. Pre-registration required, limit 15 participants.